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Touch-Free Control of Devices

A team of researchers from the Stanford Artificial Intelligence Laboratory have developed a portfolio of patented innovations that harness depth sensing technology to analyze human motion for touch-free control of devices and motion capture. This “Touch-Free Control of Devices” invention includes a new sensor modality and algorithms that facilitate a human-machine interaction using 3D visual cues from a camera, without additional devices or touch screens.

Additional Technologies in this Portfolio:

“Marker-less Tracking of Human and Articulating Bodies using Parallel Processing Hardware” ([Stanford Docket S09-319](#))

“Marker-less Motion Capture with Time-of-Flight Sensors on Parallel Processing Hardware” ([Stanford Docket S09-343](#))

“Detecting and Classifying Body Parts and Gestures in Range Images” ([Stanford Docket S09-369](#))

“Ergonomic Touch-Free User Interfaces” ([Stanford Docket S10-147](#))

Applications

- **Human-machine interface** for touch free interactions with devices such as:
 - computers - web-browsing, data entry
 - television - gesture-based remote controls
 - smart phones
 - gaming consoles
- **Motion capture** for:
 - animation
 - task demonstration and teaching for industrial and robotic applications
 - rehabilitation and athletics
- **Surveillance and security**

Advantages

- **Touch-free** - no surface has to be touched and no additional input device (such as a mouse, touchpad, or trackball is required)
- **No augmentation** of the scene is required (such as wearing a data glove or markers)

Publications

- Plagemann, Christian, et al. "Method and System for Touch-Free Control of Devices." U.S. Patent Application [13/030,071](#).

Patents

- Published Application: [20120212413](#)
- Issued: [9,063,573 \(USA\)](#)

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